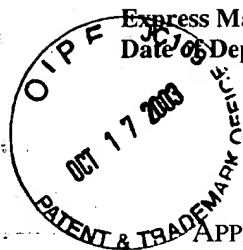


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Attorney Docket No. 15966-632 (CURA-132)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Bader *et al*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/755,398 EXAMINER: Jeffrey Siew
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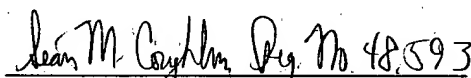
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, mailed June 17, 2003 in the above-identified application.

With the extension, the response is due on or before October 17, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-632 (CURA-132). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted;

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